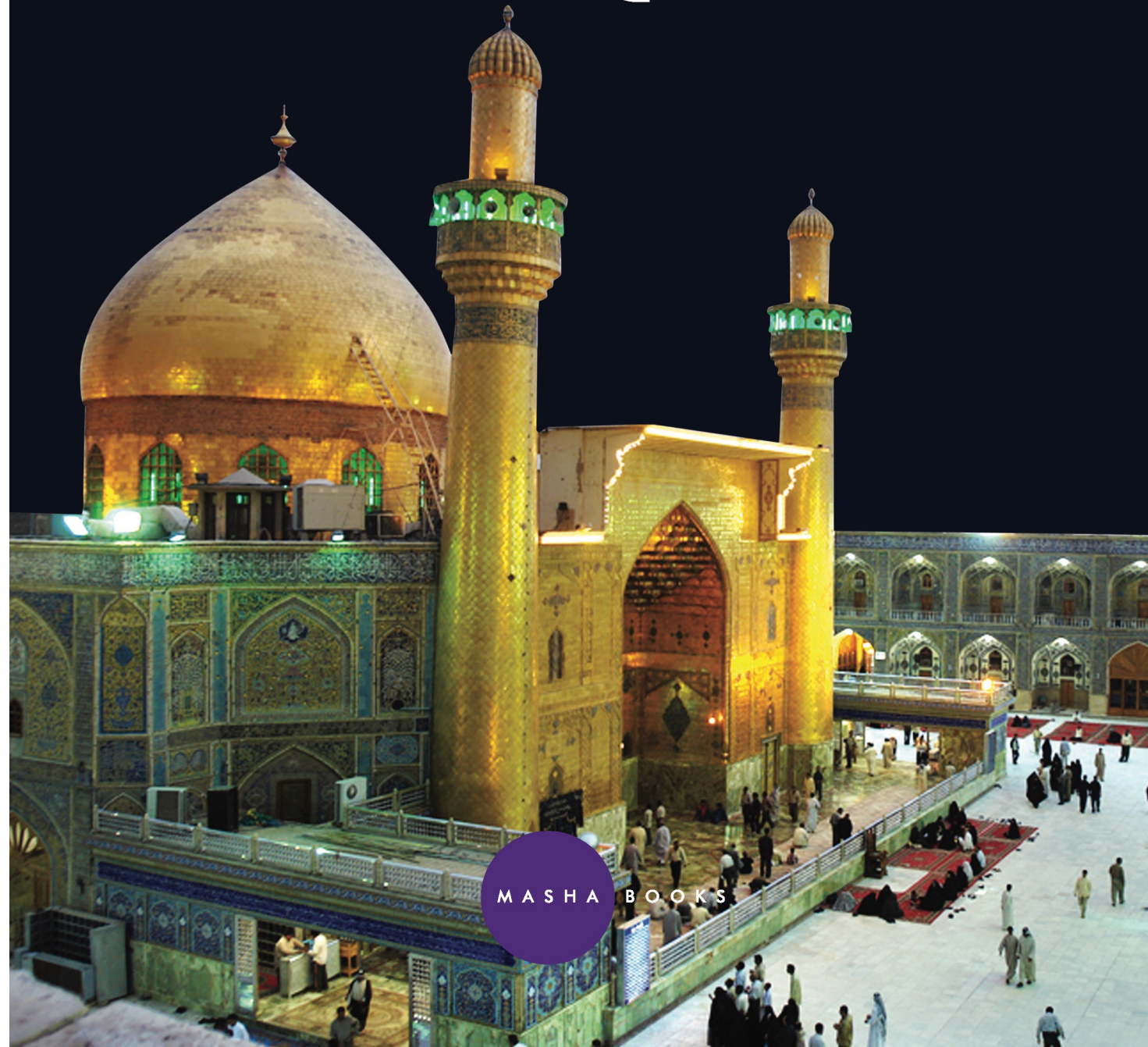


WORLD FAMOUS MOSQUES



Akhmad Kadyrov Mosque

“The Heart of Chechnya” or Akhmad Kadyrov Mosque is one of the largest mosques in Russia and is located in Grozny, the capital of Chechnya. The mosque was named after Akhmad Kadyrov, the first president of the Republic of Chechnya.



Interior of the Akhmad Kadyrov Mosque

History

Construction for the mosque started when Akhmad commissioned for construction from the mayor of Konya. It was finished on October 16, 2008 and opened in an official ceremony. This ceremony was attended by Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov and Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

Description

The mosque was built on the classical Ottoman style, while the minarets are based on the Sultan Ahmed Mosque in Istanbul. The main hall of the mosque is covered by a large dome, with a height of 32 meters and a diameter of 16 meters. The minarets are 62 meters tall, making them some of the highest minarets in southern Russia. Both the exterior and interior walls are made of marble and travertine, while the mosque's interior is decorated with white marble.

The mosque occupies an area of 5,000 square meters and can accommodate more than 10,000 people. Special additives were added to the paint so that in theory, the mosque will keep its color scheme for 50 years.

FUN FACT

The Quranic texts and verses in the interior are from the 112th Sura of the Quran

The 36 chandeliers that adorn the mosque's interior are modeled after a number of famous mosques like the Al-Kubbat Sahra in Jerusalem, Rovzat-Nebevi in Medina and the Kaaba shrine in Mecca.

Each chandelier is 8 meters high, making it an impressive sight to behold.



Description

Dutch architect Gerrit Bruins originally designed the mosque. The design would later be adapted by L.P Luijks. L.P also supervised the construction work. The design was based on Mughal revival style, characterized by the grand domes and minarets. The noticeable black domes are made using hard wood shingles combined as tiles.

The interior of the monument features a stunning number of relieved walls and pillars. There is also a marble staircase and floor from China, stained glass windows from Belgium, carefully decorated wooden doors and ornate bronze chandeliers. The stones were brought from Netherlands.



Interior of the mosque





Description

The mosque mainly consists of a rectangular central courtyard, surrounded by covered prayer areas. Pilgrims use the courtyard to perform the ritual circumambulation of the Kaaba. The station of Ibrahim and the Zamzam Well are also located in the courtyard.

To the east and north lie the al-Safa and al-Marwa. In the 20th century, an enclosed passageway between the two hills was added to the mosque.